

Certified Local Governments

The 2002 Certified Local Government grant funding applications came from all over Virginia and represented an array of project types, reflecting the breadth and depth of preservation activity across the state. After reviewing the applications, the department decided to assist each locality that applied.

Arlington County will receive funding to prepare two Preliminary Information forms, one for the historic Waverly Hills neighborhood and one for the historic commercial buildings along Columbia Pike. Additionally, the project will include preparation of a national register nomination for the Penrose neighborhood, and amendments to three existing national register listings—the Buckingham Historic District, the Colonial Village Historic District, and the multiple property listing for historic garden and apartment complexes. This range of preliminary applications and nominations will serve to broaden the understanding and recognition of the range of resource types in a rapidly growing Northern Virginia community.

The town of Leesburg is using CLG grant assistance to conduct primary research and update its walking tour of the Leesburg Old and Historic District. This document will more accurately convey the history and development of the Old and Historic District and promote the importance of its preservation to visitors and locals alike.

The city of Richmond will use 2002 CLG grant funding to complete the survey and prepare a national register nomination for the Oakwood/Chimborazo Historic District. The project will recognize yet another significant historic Richmond neighborhood and promote its preservation.

Prince William County has received a grant to facilitate the Phase II/III archaeology survey for Rippon Lodge, a property recently purchased by the county for public use. The survey will deepen knowledge about the Rippon Lodge site, and identify and protect important archaeological deposits on site. Additionally, the project will afford an opportunity for heritage education and public involvement.

The city of Suffolk will use its CLG grant to fund the preparation of a National Register nomination for the West End Historic District and a reconnaissance survey of 103 additional structures as part of ongoing efforts to incorporate historic preservation into planning and future development.

The Certified Local Government program enjoys success in Virginia due to the strong relationship it fosters between federal, state, and local governments. The Department of Historic Resources strongly encourages each Virginia community to consider participation in the CLG program as an important component of a local preservation initiative.